

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 2433
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: COUPLING SECTION/CONFIGURATION THROUGH SERVICE PARAMETERS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2010, please consider the remarks in the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

I. Finality of the Office Action is Premature

Applicants respectfully submit that the finality of the Office Action is premature and therefore request withdrawal of that finality, pursuant to Section 706.07(d) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP).

Specifically, the final Office Action rejects claim 7 on new grounds. Section 706.07(a) of the MPEP specifies the conditions under which the finality of a second or subsequent Office action is proper, providing that:

Under present practice, second or any subsequent actions on the merits shall be final, except where the examiner introduces a new ground of rejection